

BANQUET TO 22,000 MAYORS

REMARKABLE GATHERING UNDER ONE HIG TENT IN PARIS.

Feared for the Many Guests of President Loubet served food by 20,000 waiters—Patriotic speech of the President—The enthusiasm of the Mayors—United France.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

Paris, Sept. 22.—Never before was France more entirely united in Paris than to-day, when 22,000 Mayors, from the largest towns to the smallest communes, met under an immense tent at the Tuilleries to receive the President of the Republic.

At 10 o'clock in the morning the streets were filled with men clad in evening dress. Many of them wore the tricolor scarf and coat and hats which represented all the various types of the French people.

The President of the Republic, M. Loubet, was seated in the center of the tent, flanked by the President of the Senate, M. Fallières, and the President of the Chamber of Deputies, M. Combes.

The scene of the banquet was a remarkable one. The guests were seated as though they were in a private restaurant. Twenty thousand waiters moved about as methodically as though they were in a kitchen.

President Loubet's reception was very enthusiastic. In his speech he said: "GENTLEMEN: The Government of the Republic is happy that it can celebrate the glorious memory of the day when the French people, united in a single sentiment, elected me President of the Republic."

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TWO TRAIN ROBBERIES.

The Burlington Portland Flyer Held Up in Nebraska.

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 22.—The Burlington Portland flyer was held up and robbed nine miles west of here at 1 o'clock this morning. Two of the robbers concealed themselves on the grassy plain about the suburbs were caught, and they crawled over the fence and attempted the engineer to run four miles to a point where two other members of the gang were waiting, rejoining the command with several thumps of their revolvers on the engineer's head. The trainman was induced to work harder by the same method.

The waiting members of the gang signalled the trainman with a bonfire built between the rails. A fusillade of shots directed against the express car door impelled the messenger to open it. The through safe contained between \$5,000 and \$6,000, but the messenger did not have the combination and the robbers did not have any dynamite. They were forced to leave with the contents of the local safe, about \$200.

The other members of the train crew and the passengers were kept within the cars by a detail of two robbers, who gave occasional reminders of their presence by a shot or two in their direction. No one dared move to molest the passengers. When their work was finished the fellows signalled the engineer to go ahead. The robbery was reported soon afterward, and posse has been secured. Bloodhounds were put on the trail, but they soon lost the scent. A reward has been offered for the capture of the robbers, and it is believed that this was utilized in conveying the robbers to the scene and back again. It having been possible for them to have left the city on some early morning train. Two of the men were masked and two had their faces painted. Three suspects are under arrest.

On the train when the robbers released it, rewards aggregating \$2,000 have been offered for their capture.

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 22.—Single handed a masked robber held up the west bound passenger train on the Northern Pacific track with last night and succeeded in getting away with \$200 in cash, several watches and a quantity of jewelry. The robbery was committed after the train left Idaho, and the robber left the train at Rathdrum. The hold-up evidently was carefully planned, and was executed with a cool deliberation, which was noted by the passengers. The train was stopped by the robber, who demanded that the passengers get out of the train. The train was stopped by the robber, who demanded that the passengers get out of the train.

Conductor Dunning was the only person on the train who offered serious resistance, a few shots from the robber's gun being effectively silenced the trainman. As the robbers stepped off the train at Rathdrum, and fired twice at him. The robber returned the fire, clipping a piece of leather from the conductor's shoe. No one was hurt during the hold-up.

DEUTSCHLAND LOSES A MAN.

The Swift Liner Hurled by Storm All the Week.

The record-holder Deutschland of the Hamburg-American Line had nothing but weather on the voyage she finished yesterday from Hamburg, Southampton and Cherbourg. The disturbance began just after she left Cherbourg and kept up almost until she got within sight of the coast of England. Despite wind and waves she made an hourly average of 21.10 knots, covering a course of 3,063 knots in 6 days and 23 minutes, thus establishing a reputation as a storm-defier.

While she was plunging through the cresting seas at 7 o'clock on Saturday night, the crew was ordered to forward to put things shipshape. Eugen Sarazin, an able seaman of Russia, 16 years old, was the first man to respond to the order. As he got out on the open deck the Deutschland plunged into a giant comb.

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THEY HUNT THE PLUTOCRAT

BILL AND MOSE, THE POOR MAN'S FRIENDS, AND CLARK THE MINER.

At Breakfast With the Chateau Yquem, at the Three Hours' Luncheon With the Burgundy, at Dinner With the Extra Dry, They Decide That the Democratic Campaign Needs More Steam—Campbell Tells 'Shout' He Shouts 'They're Licked'—'Says McGuire, 'They're Licked'.

The Hon. William J. Stone, platoon hunter, ex-Governor of Missouri and variously known as the "Hon. Gum Shoe Bill" and the "Hon. Gum Shoe," climbed out of bed at 10 o'clock yesterday morning and declared that something must be done to awake the echoes in New York State. It is only forty-four days to election day and Mr. Stone declared that more steam must be put into the fight.

New York State gave McKinley in 1896 only 20,000 plurality, he declared. In the fortunes of William Jennings Bryan, and especially his friend Mr. Bryan since the days of '96, when Mr. Bryan developed the "commercial instinct," since when out of his book "The First Battle," and his lectures he has accumulated a fortune of \$300,000. Ex-Gov. Stone himself is a creature to speak of such matters, his friends at the Hoffman House said yesterday.

Senator George G. Vest of Missouri is an old leader head and should have died years ago. But Vest himself, on a street in New York, said he knew that George Graham Vest is over 70 years old, and he ought to do something to make it easy for Stone to get him in the United States Senate.

Ex-Gov. Stone, who is managing Mr. Bryan's campaign in the East, summoned his trusted lieutenant, Mr. McGuire, to the Hoffman House yesterday morning to discuss the situation over the breakfast table. Forthright Keene, son of James R. established a number of years ago, a little habit of having a sip of Chateau Yquem 1896 at breakfast. It is a sort of tonic, costs only \$1 a glass, and is far better for the system than the more popular and vicious "tonic" Mr. Stone had breakfast with his old and valued friend Col. Mose Wetmore of St. Louis, whose constant advice is "young man, stop drinking against the train and look to 'em."

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